Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:— Do the Government propoes to make the survey of all the villages in the State ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:— Only nine.

K. M. Ibrahim:— Will the Government bestow their attention to the seriousness of the situation and see.....

Mr. President:— They are fully alive to the seriousness of the situation.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:— May I know how these nine villages are chosen ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:— They are typical villages.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:— Are we to take that there are only nine types of villages in the whole State ?

Mr. President:— That question does not arise.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:— Are we to understand that no proper measures would be taken before the complete report is available ?

Mr. President:—The Hon'ble Member is now starting a series of questions about the nature of the survey and the manner of selecting the villages.

Service Commission—constitution of.

129. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have decided to constitute a Service Commission in the State;

(b) how long has the idea been before the Government?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:— (a) No.

(b) Since 1108.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— May I know whether the Government made any progress in the direction since 1108 ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:— The whole position of the Government on this question was definitely and explicitly referred to by the Diwan in his closing remarks the other day. I will read that paragraph containing his remarks on that question. May I with your permission read that particular paragraph on the question.

Hon'ble members have been insisting for some years on the establishment of a Public Service Commission, Some of the Hon'ble members who ask for a Public Service Commission are actuated by the desire that with the establishment of a public service commission what they consider to be communal inequalities in the distribution of offices would be redressed. But I must remind these Hon'ble members generally that they are entirely wrong. The mere institution of a public service commission is not going to redress any communal inequality or injustice.

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In fact if a public service commission is simply appointed they will have to choose merely on the question of merit irrespective of communal consideration and if the public services commission is to be guided by any communal representation then the Government must by a special order direct them to do so. I want therefore Hon'ble Members to understand that the mere institution of a public service commission does not by itself solve the problem of communal representation. Hon'ble Members wanted certain rules and regulations to guide the public officials in making the choice. We have not got those rules. But I may assure the Hon'ble Members that even though there are no rigid rules relating to communal representation in the services, His Highness' Government are always keeping in view the fundamental principle that in the public services of the State all classes of His Highness' subjects should have a legitimate share. It shall always be my duty to see that this principle is adhered to."

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— Does it come to the point that whatever was done in this line will be continued in future also? Does it promise any further progress in this line ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:— Whatever is envisaged in it will be strictly adhered to.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— How is Government going to ensure communal representation in the model of Travancore and Mysore and Madras Government even ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:— They lacked something constructive.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— What is the difficulty in laying down fixed rules for giving appointments to qualified members of the various communities ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:— No necessity was felt till now since the principle was adhered to in practice. Instead of a fixed rule to provide unrepresented communities to the services there were definite instructions to Heads of Departments and they were directed to publish caste-war statements every quarter of all appointments.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— May I know whether the instructions sent to Heads of Departments are in the nature of policy of the Government to give representation to as many unrepresented communities as are possible ?

Mr. T. S Narayana Ayyar:— Quite true. That is the fundamental policy.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— Are there not difficulties felt by Heads of Departments in working out that policy without sufficiently clear instructions how that has to be worked ?

Mr. T. S Narayana Ayyar:— No such difficulties were brought to the notice of the Government. They are successfully carrying it out

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—Between the various unrepresented communities what order have they to follow ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:— Not according to an arithmetical calculation with regard to population.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— I only like to know from the Government whether as between the various unrepresented communities there is any system of rotation ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:—No instruction of a system of rotation was given to redress the inequalities of the less represented communities.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—By appointing any one from any one of the various unrepresented communities, will not the head of a Department be able to satisfy the instructions?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:—It might, in certain cases.

Mr P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—Is the Government aware that some of the unrepresented communities feel that their claims are not properly considered?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:—All members of a community or all communities?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—The policy that is underlying the general instructions will be satisfied by appointing for example as many members of my community which is unrepresented to the prejudice of other members of other communities.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:—Equal representation and equal chances must be given to every class of His Highness' subjects.

Mr. K. Ayyappan:—Are the departmental heads carrying on the instructions of the Government in this matter?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:—They are; that is what I understand. Nothing contrary was brought to the notice of the Government.

Mr. K. Ayyappan:—Are they in the habit of scrutinising the caste-war statements ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:—Yes.

Mr. K. Ayyappan:—Did they scrutinise the latest report of the Departmental Heads ? Did they scrutinise the latest statement of the Revenue Department? When was it published ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:—A few weeks ago.

Mr. President:—It is being scrutinised.

Mr. K. Ayyappan:—I myself showed it to the Diwan. I wanted to show that the departmental head has been showing partiality towards his own community.

Mr. President:—If the Hon'ble Members will bring to the notice of Government that a particular head of department is not

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adhering to the policy initiated, Government will be prepared to take action.

Mr. K. Ayyappan:— Government have not been in the practice of taking notice. Will the Government in future take notice?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:—Without any such implication in that statement, Government will be prepared to take action.

Mr. K. Ayyappan:— What difficulty can the Government have in framing rules like the other Governments?

Mr. President:—Government is following certain procedure which is found satisfactory.

Mr. K. Ayyappan:—In the opinion of the people it is not satisfactory and it is proved by statistics.

Mr. President:—I do not think that Government will be in a position to act more than what is contained in my statement.

Mr. T. K. Nayar:—Government is actually following a principle and why not put it in black and white?

Mr. President:—I believe after gaining some more experience it may be reduced to a set of rules.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—During the Budget Session of 1109 regarding the appointments made by the Secretary in the Huzur Office it has been noted that this communal representation was being so strictly adhered by him that it worked prejudicially to the members of the represented communities. I will make it clear. Of a list of 25 appointments all were from the backward communities. A complaint was raised by the Hon'ble Member for Palayannur, though humourously, that this practice works to the prejudice of other communities.

Mr. President:—I believe the House is not unanimous on that point.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—I advert to that question just to show that the general instruction is not working satisfactorily and therefore the pressing necessity for putting them in black and white to guide the departmental heads.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—In the Standing Finance Committee for 1109 did not the Hon'ble Member for Wadakancheri bring to the notice of the Government the position then taken by the Mysore Government that thereafter about 75 per cent of the appointments of the whole State ought to be given to unrepresented communities and was not that point also noted by the Government?

Mr. President:—If an Hon'ble Member makes that statement the Government will take it.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—May I know what steps have been taken by Government? All through, nothing.

Mr. President:— Government evidently thought that their procedure in following the general policy of instructions to Heads of Departments is working satisfactorily.

Mr. George Parakkal:—Are the instructions to the Heads of Departments written or oral?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:—Partly written and partly oral.

Mr. George Parakkal:— What are written?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:—I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—In view of the complaint from various quarters on this subject, will the Government be pleased immediately to take up the framing of certain definite rules especially when we have such a Diwan for us?

Mr. President:—I think we have had sufficient number of supplementary questions on this subject.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—Is it not possible to immediately proceed to frame a set of rules?

Mr. President:—Government will not be prepared to act upon the suggestion of the Member if it is in the nature of questions and answers. But if the Hon'ble Members will table a resolution and the Government find that an overwhelming majority are in favour of it Government will take that into consideration.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—I may point out that one of my cut motions under General Administration unfortunately was not reached last evening. It was to this effect: The want of definite rules regarding the recruitment of unrepresented community candidates into the State Service.

Mr. President:— The very fact that that motion was not reached evinces that the House was not unanimous on it.

Mr. George Parakkal:—Are these statements in the capacity of the Diwan or as the President of the Council?

Mr. President:— In the capacity of the Diwan. I thought that as Diwan I would be in a better position to answer questions of policy and it will save the time of the House also.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—May I bring to the notice of the Diwan that if his idea is the concensus opinion of the majority of this House, the majority does not consist of members of unrepresented communities. Will he note that also?

Supply of salt

130. Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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